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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please note that although the Amendment After Final was submitted on a timely manner, 6/23/00 (responding to the Final Rejection with a mail date of 5/16/00), our office did not receive an Advisory Action until today, Nov. 13, 2000. After speaking with Ms. Bessie Bowie (at 1-703-306-5665, Unit Clerk for 1700) and another clerk from that unit, it was understood by our Office Personnel that we did not owe the 3-month extension fee because of our timely response to the Final Rejection.

Please call our office if further information is needed (845-452-3204). Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SBA", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen B. Ackerman, Reg. No. 37,761